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Classified By: classified by Gabriel Escobar, Political Officer, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Dr. Valentino Simonetti of the UN Department of the Italian MFA on June 16.

Simonetti noted that the Italian mission in Geneva had been apprised of the US position already and pointed out that Italy does not yet have a vote in the UNHRC. He noted the EU is generally in favor of keeping the country specific rapporteurs for Belarus and Cuba and Italy would support any EU common position.

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